

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the paragraph on page 30, beginning at line 11 and ending at line 17, and replace with the following new paragraph:

*Generation of recombinant adenovirus:* The recombinant adenovirus used to overexpress miR-375 was generated by PCR amplifying the miRNA precursor sequence with primers: 5'-CCCCAAGGCTGATGCTGAGAAGCCGCCCC-3' SEQ. ID. NO. 67 and 5'-GCCGCCCCGGCCCCG GGTCTTC-3' SEQ. ID. NO 68. The fragment was subcloned into pcDNA 3 (Invitrogen), excised with *HindIII* and *XbaI* and inserted into a Ad5CMV-K NpA shuttle vector. Amplification of the adenovirus was performed by Viraquest Inc. (North Liberty, IA). Ad-GFP (ViraQuest Inc.) does not contain a transgene and was used as control.

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